

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 567

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the Reverend J. Fred Cloud of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of the Reverend J. Fred Cloud of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cloud was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cloud served with acumen and alacrity as the director of the Metro Human Relations Commission for twenty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and the community alike for his work on human rights, racial justice, and fair housing; and

WHEREAS, having previously served as a United Methodist pastor in communities across Tennessee, Reverend Cloud was an active and devout member of the Edgehill United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, an aficionado of jazz and classical music, Reverend Cloud sang in the Nashville Symphony Chorus for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Cloud combined his love of music, ministry, and working with the underserved when he helped found the W.O. Smith Community Music School in Nashville, whose mission is to make affordable and quality music instruction available to children from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cloud was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of Barbara Cloud, his wife of forty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cloud leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of the Reverend J. Fred Cloud, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Cloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.